

Beaches, Birds and Barrier Islands 2010 Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to do the following:

- 1) Discuss the feeding habits, nesting, habitat, ecology, behaviors, etc. of dominant shore birds of the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico.
- 2) Identify common species of shore birds found along the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico.
- 3) Discuss the biology of birds.
- 4) Describe islands along the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico.
- 5) Describe functions of barrier islands, theories of how they form, and their dynamic nature.
- 6) Discuss interactions between humans and barrier islands.
- 7) Discuss the biology and ecology of sea turtles.
- 8) Describe pressures on sea turtles and methods being used to promote survival of these species.
- 9) Describe different activities and strategies to teach students about birds and barrier islands.